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REMARKS

The undersigned thanks the examiner for the several telephonic interviews which he initiated this week. In the interviews the examiner proposed an amendment which would place the application in condition for allowance. The examiner suggested an amendment to claim 1 as set forth above, plus a Terminal Disclaimer over parent patent 6,682,618. The amendment to claim 1 is hereby entered and a Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith. Also submitted is an Associate Power of Attorney in favor of the undersigned.

This amendment also corrects the Cross Reference to Related Applications. This application now only claims continuation-in-part status from of co-pending USSN 08/933,822 filed September 19, 1997, now 6,682,618, which is a continuation-in-part application of co-pending USSN 08/792,819 filed Jan. 30, 1997, now abandoned.

This change is being made since application is not entitled to claim 35 U.S.C. 120 continuation application status from prior filed applications USSN 08/516,506 filed Aug. 17, 1995 (abandoned), USSN 08/067,413 filed May 25, 1993 (abandoned), USSN 07/436,962 filed Nov. 15, 1989 (abandoned), nor USSN 06/934,389 filed Nov. 24, 1986 (abandoned). This is because there is not at least one common inventor to all of these latter applications.

The undersigned respectfully requests re-examination of this application and believes it is now in condition for allowance. Such action is requested. If the examiner believes there is any matter which prevents allowance of the present application, it is requested that the

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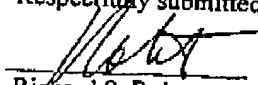
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undersigned be contacted to arrange for an interview which may expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,


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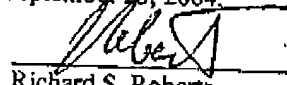
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